

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 25, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President  
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Linda Floyd, RN  
Merry Fort, RN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Kirsten Daughdril, Assistant Attorney General

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Floyd moved, Hooper seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, May 25, 2017, Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(**LPNI** = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Fort moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI170364** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Communication with Cognitively Impaired Clients and Difficult or Challenging Patients? Dealing with Patients.

**LPNI170395** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI170387** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**RNI170852** – Close the case.

**LPNI170374** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (HIPAA Violation/Patient Privacy).

**LPNI170411** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**LPNI170413** – Refer for Investigative Interview.

**LPNI170014** – Refer to Investigations. Fort abstained.

**RNI160918** – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Floyd abstained.

**RNI160201** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, two (2) years probation and quarterly reports (self, employer).

**RNI161068** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170074** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention and Disciplinary Actions, What Every Nurse Should Know.

**RNI161149** – Close the case.

**RNI170598** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation.

**RNI170880** – Close the case.

**RNI120154** – Close case with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

**RNI170809** – Upon receipt of documentation indicating licensee is safe to practice, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations, work restrictions, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation. Documentation must be received within two (2) weeks or refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170805** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

**LPNI160070** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and monthly PEth. May petition to lift with four (4) years of documented sobriety.

**LPNI170405** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170597** – Continue with current order with new sobriety date of January 18, 2017.

**RNI150108** – Deny the request. Does not have five (5) years of documented sobriety and still has narcotic restrictions.

**RNI160163** – Approve the request to modify monthly drug screen requirement to random quarterly.

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 4:50 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**